

# Proposed Rules

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### 7 CFR Part 246

RIN 0584-AA80

#### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC): Food Delivery Systems

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; Extension of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed rule entitled Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC): Food Delivery Systems was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 32308-32343) on June 16, 1999. Public comments were requested to be postmarked on or before September 14, 1999. This action extends the public comment period to October 14, 1999. This extension gives the public additional time to analyze the provisions of the proposed rulemaking and to develop substantive comments which will assist the Department in modifying the requirements regarding WIC Food Delivery Systems.

**DATES:** To be assured of consideration, comments must be submitted or postmarked on or before October 14, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Patricia Daniels, Director, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 540, Alexandria, Virginia 22302. All written submissions will be available for public inspection during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Debra R. Whitford, at the above address or by telephone at (703) 305-2730.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Background

The Department published the proposed rule addressing WIC Food Delivery Systems in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 32308-32343) on June 16, 1999. The Department provided a 90-day comment period. Commenters have indicated that because this rule is expected to affect a significant number of vendors in the retail food industry, the 90-day comment period is not enough to provide a thorough analysis and to develop detailed comments.

The Department acknowledges the importance of providing commenters with sufficient time to evaluate the proposal and to develop substantive comments. To achieve this end, the Department will continue to accept comments submitted or postmarked on or before October 14, 1999.

Dated: August 25, 1999.

**Samuel Chambers, Jr.,**  
*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

#### 7 CFR Part 928

[Docket No. FV99-928-1 PR]

#### Papayas Grown in Hawaii; Increased Assessment Rate

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This rule would increase the assessment rate from \$.0063 to \$.008 per pound of assessable papayas established for the Papaya Administrative Committee (Committee) under Marketing Order No. 928 for the 1999-2000 and subsequent fiscal years. The Committee is responsible for local administration of the marketing order which regulates the handling of papayas grown in Hawaii. Authorization to assess papaya handlers enables the Committee to incur expenses that are reasonable and necessary to administer the program. The fiscal year began July 1 and ends June 30. The assessment rate would remain in effect indefinitely unless modified, suspended, or terminated.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by October 4, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this rule. Comments must be sent to the Docket Clerk, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, room 2525-S, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456; Fax: (202) 720-5698; or E-mail: moab.docketclerk@usda.gov. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular business hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Terry Vawter, Marketing Specialist, California Marketing Field Office, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, 2202 Monterey Street, Suite 102B, Fresno, California 93721; telephone: (559) 487-5901, Fax: (559) 487-5906; or George Kelhart, Technical Advisor, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, room 2525-S, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456; telephone: (202) 720-2491, Fax: (202) 720-5698. Small businesses may request information on complying with this regulation, or obtain a guide on complying with fruit, vegetable, and specialty crop marketing agreements and orders by contacting Jay Guerber, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, P.O. Box 96456, room 2525-S, Washington, DC 20090-6456; telephone: (202) 720-2491, Fax: (202) 720-5698, or E-mail: Jay.Guerber@usda.gov. You may view the marketing agreement and order small business compliance guide at the following web site: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/moab.html>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This rule is issued under Marketing Agreement No. 155 and Order No. 928, both as amended (7 CFR part 928), regulating the handling of papayas grown in Hawaii, hereinafter referred to as the "order." The marketing agreement and order are effective under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), hereinafter referred to as the "Act."

The Department of Agriculture (Department) is issuing this rule in conformance with Executive Order 12866.